AREEPALAM BRIDGE

21. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the Areepalam bridge is in a dangerous condition ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state in what year it was brought to the notice of the Government;

(*c*) if it was brought to the notice of the Government that there is necessity for repairing the bridge will Government be pleased to undertake this work immediately ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer) :*

(*a*) There were some damages to the bridge and necessary repairs were done.

(*b*) In the year 1942.

(*c*) The bridge has been proped up and is proposed to be reconstructed this year.

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know when the proposal would take effect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be completed this year in the dry season.

AREEPALAM—VALLIVATTAM ROAD

22. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) in which year the construction of the road from Vallivattam to Areepalam was sanctioned ;

(*b*) the amount allotted to be spent in each year ;

(*c*) whether the amounts allotted to be spent in each year has been spent ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative why those amounts were not spent in the years for which they were allotted ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer) :*

(*a*) The work was approved by the Road Board in 1112 and a token grant of Rs. 5,000 was made. This was insufficient and so an additional sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned by the Road Board in 1118. Acquisition proceedings are in progress now.

(*b*) Rs. 2,500 in 1115.
Rs. 2,500 in 1116.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question of spending any money on acquisition before the full amount required for acquisition is in hand was considered unjustified, and so no money was spent in the years given in answer to sub-division (*b*).

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur):* Whether the Government be pleased to take up the work as early as possible ?

23. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* In what stage is the construction of the Vallivattam-Areepalam road ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The acquisition proceedings are in progress.

KOLLENGODE-TRICHUR—RAILWAY LINE

24. Mr. K. Natarajan Chettiar *(Nemmara):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

have the Cochin Government any share in the expenditure and working of the proposed Kollengode-Trichur Railway line ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

The question has not yet been decided.

25. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) at whose instance the idea of having a railway from Trichur to Kollengode was conceived;

(*b*) what is the great gain the State is expecting by it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The Port of Cochin and the Cochin Government have been pressing for the construction of the Trichur-Kollengode line. Proposals for the connection from Trichur to Pollachi *via* Kollengode were under consideration from 1897.

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